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No 'bits' about it

Mike Garland and Paige Chapman are happy they are investing in Haliburton County.
Photo by Mike Baker.

Man shot by OPP 'prone to aggressive overreaction'

By Lisa Gervais

The sister of a Haliburton man, killed in an altercation with OPP July 15, 2020, said her estranged sibling had grown up in Budapest, Hungary, where he was exposed to the Hungarian uprising at the age of 10.

In a statement read to a coroner's inquest into the death of Leslie Hegedus, 73, his sister, Eileen Ross gave some insight April 22 into her brother's upbringing.

She said Hegedus was born in 1946. The 1956 revolution was an attempted countrywide movement against the government of the Hungarian People's Republic, and the policies caused by the government's subordination to the Soviet Union. The Soviet army crushed the rebellion.

Ross said her brother was exposed to "death and destruction" on the streets of Budapest. Their father was captured and never able to leave Hungary. A Toronto cousin sponsored she, Leslie and their mother to come to Canada.

Ross said that from an early age, Hegedus had difficulty in social development.

"My mother tried to get help for him from doctors, but found limited support through church, Boy Scouts, and Big Brothers," Ross said. She added while undiagnosed, she thinks her brother was on the Autism spectrum, possibly suffering Aspergers.

Ross said her brother became a licensed electrician, working in construction.

She said he severed all contact with his family, but actively participated in a car enthusiast club, travelling the world to meet other car enthusiasts and judging events. "He seemed always to be singularly, obsessively focused."

She said he retired at 60 and built a small house in the forest of Haliburton, where he lived alone,

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Housing now on Tim's menu

By Mike Baker

18 months ago, Paige Chapman had never heard of Haliburton County.

Now, she and her partner, Mike Garland, are spearheading an initiative in the Highlands providing affordable housing to approximately half their staff members at the Minden and Haliburton Tim

Hortons restaurants.

The pair moved to the area from Saint John, New Brunswick in February 2023. Paige said she's leaning into the family business, with her parents owning four Tim Hortons franchises on the east coast.

She told *The Highlander* a deal to take over the two local restaurants will be

finalized next month.

They've already began immersing themselves in the Highlands community – renting a condo in Haliburton village. After experiencing first-hand how difficult it is to find somewhere to live in the County, and how expensive it can be, Chapman said she and Garland started to

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Devon Woodrow and Ang Lopez, employees at the Haliburton Tim Hortons say living in below market rentals has been life changing. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

Smile cookie campaign for VDO

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talk to her employees about their living arrangements. They were shocked by what they heard.

"We're really passionate about housing and making sure people have a safe space to live that they can afford. We found out pretty quickly that wasn't the experience some of our employees were having," Chapman said.

As part of the deal for the two franchises, the pair are purchasing three properties from previous ownership, which have been used in recent years to house staff. Seeing the need, they've bought two additional homes for the sole purpose of offering living space to staff at less than market value.

Chapman says 30 employees are living in the homes at less than half market rent, with 10 more arriving next week. The couple are hoping to close on a sixth property next month.

"It's impossible to run a business when you're short-staffed, and just improving the culture about working somewhere like Tim Hortons, that has been important to us," she said.

Garland said their goal is to have five houses each in Haliburton and Minden. While priority will be given to Tim Hortons staff, they want to help other businesses attract much-needed workers to the area.

Devon Woodrow, manager at the Haliburton location, said having an affordable place to call home has been life-changing for him.

"It's like night and day difference in terms of stress, anxiety... I'm so grateful to have this opportunity," he said.

Ang Lopez has lived in Haliburton for 11 months after

moving from the Philippines. Because of the lower rent, she's been able to save some money, and even send some home to her family.

"I just feel so blessed - if I had to pay normal rent here, there wouldn't be much [leftover]. I feel so relaxed and it helps with my mood knowing I don't have to worry [about housing]," Lopez said.

Chapman is also looking for other local causes to support. Earlier this year she gave money to Scott Stewart to help fund a lacrosse camp he's hosting for youth in Haliburton. She has also committed money raised through Tim Hortons smile cookie campaign, running April 29 to May 5, to non-profit Volunteer Dental Outreach.

All proceeds from the sale of the cookies will go to VDO, with Chapman aiming to raise \$20,000 between the two stores.

"We've seen firsthand what VDO has done for some of our team members - we had some people with dental problems, they didn't have a dentist and, even with insurance, they couldn't afford the costs they were quoted. So, they went to VDO and couldn't speak any higher about the level of service and care they received," Chapman said.

VDO has treated well over 1,000 patients and completed more than \$3 million in free dentistry since opening in 2011.

Now that they're here, Chapman said she and Garland are excited to lay down some roots in Haliburton County.

"We've already grown to love the community, everyone is so community-oriented, it's exactly what we were looking for in a new home and place to invest in," she said.



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Job fair to showcase local jobs, careers

By Mike Baker

With the County’s labour shortage still looming large, the Haliburton County Home Builders’ Association (HCHBA) is hosting a job fair at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School to try and drive would-be workers towards a career in the trades and other underserved sectors.

The event is taking place at the school May 8, providing an opportunity for employers to connect with youth about current and future opportunities.

Aggie Tose, past president of HCHBA, is the lead organizer. She noted this will be the first job fair the organization has hosted since 2019, when 32 businesses participated. The organization assisted with another event at the school in 2022.

“In the past, we had a great response from the students, especially with the companies that had interactive exhibits. Some of the students were ready with resumes in-hand and that was really helpful,” Tose said. “A number of students obtained summer employment.”

She said most employers will be looking for seasonal help over the summer, with others hiring for part-time and full-time positions.

While there will be trades-based operations in attendance, Tose said the job fair is open to all County businesses.

“We would like to include as many businesses as possible from across Haliburton County,” she said, noting anyone who wants to sign up as a vendor should do so by April 30.

The event will take place in the school’s cafeteria, though Tose said there will be



The HCHBA is hosting a job fair at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School May 8. *File.*

space outdoors for participants who want to bring larger tools or equipment to showcase or stage an activity. It will run from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tose noted the job fair is free to everyone, including participating businesses, visitors,

and students.

Staff from Fleming Crew will be available to assist students in building a resume and filling out applications.

“We’re hoping we can help students find jobs, co-op placements, volunteer work, and

encourage them to look at their future career opportunities,” Tose said.

For more information, or to book your spot at the fair, contact Tose at 705-457-6901 or info@hchba.ca.



Chewing things over with the warden

County warden Liz Danielsen left, pictured with the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce’s Kirstley Dams, spoke at the return of the chamber’s Warden’s Breakfast April 23 at Camp Medeba. The event had not been held since COVID-19.

Photo by Lisa Gervais.

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DYSART ET AL NEWS**Boughner rebuild**

Eleven days on from a washout that claimed an approximate 30-foot portion of Boughner Road and Dysart et al roads staff have told council the road is, and will remain for some time, single lane access.

Dave Coulter, public works operations manager, told council April 23 that staff has a plan to rebuild the thoroughfare.

“We’re bringing the pipes back up – they were washed down into the creek bed, so we’re going to put them back into place,” Coulter said.

When mayor Murray Fearrey asked why the same foundation was being reinstalled, rather than something bigger, Coulter noted public works director, Rob Camelon, had assessed the situation and it wouldn’t simply be a like-for-like replacement.

“He wants to build the grade up higher, so it’s above the dam,” Coulter said.

As reported in the April 18 *Highlander*, at around 3 p.m. April 12, rushing water took out a chunk of the municipally owned dirt road after a nearby beaver dam burst. The road was closed for the rest of the day but reopened with a single lane April 13.

Camelon said staff will begin repairs next week, which he expects should take three to four days.

Support for tower

Fearrey said there was “a first time for everything” after a new cell tower project proposed for Harcourt Park was lauded by nearby residents.

A 90-metre tower has been proposed for Sumcot Road as part of the Eastern Ontario Regional Network’s (EORN) ongoing cell gap project, which aims to improve cellular speed and reliability for 99 per cent of residents in the region.

Jeff Iles, the township’s director of planning and development, said Rogers – the company building the towers – had completed public consultation in late winter. They received a single letter, penned by Harcourt Park Inc., in response, which stated the organization had consulted with its membership and found the tower was overwhelmingly supported.

“They note the tower will vastly improve safety and service for their members,” Iles said.

Council supported the project, which will



Dysart roads staff expect Boughner Road to be fully reopened next week. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

now go to Innovation, Science, Economic Development Canada for final approval.

Bump in the road

Following recent complaints of people speeding as they pull out of the A.J. LaRue arena parking lot, Dysart council has opted to install two temporary speed bumps at the site.

Coulter said he has been working with coun. Pat Casey on the initiative. The two met at the arena in early spring to figure out where to place them. Casey said he had heard numerous complaints that vehicles have been flying past the main entrances of the arena and Minden Curling Club.

The temporary speed bumps are 50 to 75 millimetres tall, made of rubber, and held in place by large spikes. They will remain until at least Thanksgiving, Coulter said. He estimated costs would be approximately \$2,500, to be taken from the transportation department’s operating budget.

No to County-wide collab

Council has opted against pursuing a single-tier waste management system.

Environmental manager John Watson told council there could be efficiencies,

and potential savings, by centralizing all waste-related services at the County level. Referencing a recent report compiled for County council by Dillon Consulting Limited, which provided three options for service delivery, Watson said his preference would be establishing a transition committee to develop and implement a plan for consolidation.

Fearrey said he saw no value in combining services, believing the four townships have different issues and priorities when it comes to waste management. This led to deputy mayor Walt McKechnie asking Watson about incineration.

“Why aren’t we talking about this? We can’t keep trucking [our garbage] down the road,” McKechnie said.

Watson suggested an incinerator isn’t feasible for a community as small as Haliburton County. He said there are two such facilities operating in Ontario. The closest, in Durham Region, cost north of \$280 million to build and has an annual budget of \$16.8 million. Watson noted that was one of the smallest incinerators that Covanta, the company that runs it, operates in North America. It processes 140,000 metric tonnes of waste annually.

McKechnie said mining operations in

northern Ontario and Quebec utilize smaller-scale incinerators and called on Dysart to “be a leader” in waste management by pursuing the option.

Housing options

Iles told council that “a good news story” regarding recent changes to the township’s official plan and zoning bylaw to encourage small and secondary housing developments has flown under the radar.

The changes came into effect last month permitting secondary dwelling units on most non-waterfront properties that front onto a publicly maintained road. Iles noted while these additions would require building permits, property owners won’t need to secure planning approvals before proceeding.

The minimum dwelling unit area has also been removed from lots in rural and rural residential zones, paving the way for tiny home developments. Iles said building and septic permits are required.

Outdoor saunas are also now permitted in Dysart.

“These policies are designed to create more housing within the community,” Iles said. (*Dysart et al news compiled by Mike Baker.*)

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• A Volunteer sign-up workshop will take place at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Thursday, April 25 from 4-6 pm. For information: <https://calendar.mindenhills.ca/default/Detail/2024-04-25-1600-Volunteer-Sign-up-Workshop>.

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Also in celebration of Earth Day, the Township has an Earth Day colouring contest. Stop by the Township Office or any waste disposal site to pick up a colouring page. All submissions are to be emailed to ccosh@mindenhills.ca. Deadline to submit your entries is April 30, 2024.

**GROUP FITNESS REGISTRATION**

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COUNCIL MEETINGS VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON

Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted with a hybrid model of in-person (Council Chambers) and electronic participation in accordance with the Municipal Act. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted. The scheduled upcoming meetings are:

- May 9 – Regular Council Meeting
- May 30 – Regular Council Meeting
- June 13 – Regular Council Meeting
- June 27 – Regular Council Meeting

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by attending in-person or via the live-stream link on the Township CivicWeb Portal at <https://mindenhills.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingTypeList.aspx>. Visit our website for more information.

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ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS NEWS

AH supports MAT

Algonquin Highlands council is the latest to support the implementation of a municipal accommodation tax (MAT).

At an April 18 meeting, Scott Ovell, the County's director of economic development and tourism, brought council up to speed on the proposal, which would see short-term rental operators billed four per cent for every booking. Ovell estimated the MAT could boost municipal coffers by more than \$2 million per year.

The program has mandatory requirements, the County director said, with the most significant a stipulation that at least 50 per cent of revenue be divided among eligible non-profit tourism operators. Ovell noted the County is investigating setting up a municipal services corporation (MSC) to handle those funds.

Townships would be free to utilize the remaining 50 per cent where they want, Ovell added.

Addressing the need for a MAT, Ovell referenced data collected from the Ministry of Tourism that reported more than 150,000 reserved nightly stays in the County in 2023 – up more than 90 per cent from 2019.

Coun. Sabrina Richards asked if funds earmarked for tourism could be used to upgrade things like municipal docks and boat landings. She suggested money spent on infrastructure for tourism-related purposes should be exempt. Ovell was unsure if that would qualify, though noted the province has



AH council endorsed a municipal accommodation tax at its April 18 meeting. *File.*

been flexible with its definitions.

The MAT is expected to begin Oct. 1. It will be handled by Granicus, an international firm specializing in digital communications and government services, which will also oversee the County's short-term rental bylaw.

Where's my boat launch?

Mayor Liz Danielsen said she's held discussions recently with representatives

from the Boshkung, Little Boshkung, and Twelve Mile lake associations concerned about the pending closure of a boat launch at Wedgewood RPM.

The marina's general manager, Cheryl Downs, revealed on social media earlier this month the property – located on Hwy. 35 between Carnarvon and Minden – had been sold and would be repurposed. A tentative date for the transition is May 22.

While Algonquin Highlands operates a

boat launch into Little Boshkung Lake on nearby Hwy. 118, Danielsen said, "there are some expectations of us that are too great to resolve... this year." She suggested the township negotiate with the owners to try and keep the boat launch in place for the full season. *(Algonquin Highlands briefs compiled by Mike Baker).*

HKPR NEWS

Substance overload

Dr. Natalie Bocking, chief medical officer of health with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge (HKPR) district health unit, says more needs to be done to address substance abuse issues Ontario-wide.

Speaking at an April 18 HKPR board meeting, Bocking said the impact of substances like tobacco, cannabis, alcohol, and opioids was the central theme of an annual health report published by Dr. Kieran Moore – Ontario's medical officer of health – this month.

Using statistics from 2020, Moore said excessive substance use contributed to 25,020 deaths, 106,976 hospitalizations, 376,603 emergency department visits four

years ago – costing taxpayers approximately \$14.91 billion.

Bocking noted that, for tobacco and opioid-related issues, HKPR was above the provincial average in number of deaths, hospital admissions, and ER visits. She told the board this could be due to the region having an older than average population.

"The accumulated exposure and risk of exposure to medical conditions associated with tobacco and alcohol increase over time," Bocking said.

Highlands East coun. Cec Ryall, who sits on the HKPR board, feels those numbers are now grossly out of date.

"I really think those billions of dollars, those numbers are no longer in this world.

Add another 50 per cent to those totals and you would probably be a little closer to where we are now," he said.

The board opted to write a letter supporting an "all-in society approach" to address harmful substances to the Ontario government and local MPPs.

Suspensions pending

As of April 15, Bocking said 2,162 students across the health unit's coverage zone had insufficient immunization records.

The Immunization of School People's Act (ISPA) mandates that students enrolled in Ontario public schools be vaccinated against tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, meningococcal disease, and

varicella – or have a valid exemption on file with their local health unit.

"Because we didn't enforce the ISPA for a number of years through the pandemic, that put all health units behind in collection records, but there's also a number of kids who got behind in receiving their vaccines... we're trying to address that now," Bocking said.

Letters notifying parents and guardians of pending suspensions will be sent out April 29, Bocking said. Suspensions will begin May 14.

As of April 24, there are around 150 students in Haliburton County in violation of the ISPA. *(HKPR briefs compiled by Mike Baker).*



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Coroner's inquest into OPP shooting wraps up

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close to nature, eating healthy, and leaving a light impact on the environment. She said he never smoked, there was no sign of drug use, and the only alcohol in his house was quality red wine. She added his home had no television, computer, mobile or landline phones, and he possessed no credit cards. "He seemingly became more reclusive, paranoid and obsessive" spending his time building his house, restoring vintage cars and reading.

Ross said there were hundreds of books in his house, many on politics, including biographies of world leaders. However, there was "no evidence of any political association or ideology. Many books were about adventure and nature, of man living alone in the wilderness, surviving adversity, and observing nature." She said he had made daily notations on his calendar about weather and the birds and animals on his property.

In the statement, read by inquest counsel Kim Motyl, Ross said, "I am grateful that nobody else was killed or seriously injured in this altercation. I'm comforted that Leslie was not driven by hateful ideology. I regret that Leslie did not want me in his life, and that I was not there to support him. We seem to have had much in common. My hope is that more services will be available for the recognition and support for children and adults struggling in life."

Inquest underway

Dr. Jennifer Clara Tang is the presiding officer of the inquest that got underway this past Monday. She explained that in the event

of police shootings, coroner's inquests are mandatory.

Motyl also addressed Hegedus' "difficult and turbulent" childhood in her remarks to the five-person jury in a virtual inquest, referencing the permanent separation from his father.

"Mr. Hegedus was prone to aggressive overreaction, especially to perceived slights and insults." She commented on his distancing himself from family. She said in addition to his affinity for cars, he had an interest in firearms.

Motyl said he didn't speak to neighbours. She said in 2010, he'd run two men off his property who were attempting to cut the lock at the gate of his long driveway. He didn't have a firearms license and wasn't permitted to own them after that incident. However, there were two complaints to OPP from neighbours in 2011 about gunshots on the property. However, Hegedus denied owning or firing weapons.

She related a tale of a building inspector, in 2015 or 2016, visiting the property. Upon finding issues with the build, he drew the ire of Hegedus and feared for his life.

"Mr. Hegedus became angry and started yelling, 'how dare you come on my property? How dare you come and tell me what I can and cannot do on my property? This is my house, and I should be able to heat the house however I want'."

Referencing the reason for the inquest – the events of July 15, 2020 – Motyl said Hegedus went to the Valu-Mart in Minden, where an elderly grocery clerk asked him to put on a mask during COVID-19 mask mandates. Hegedus refused, "repeatedly



OPP at Indian Point Road on July 15, 2020. *File.*

punching the clerk in the head."

The inquest heard how Hegedus was pushed out the door by staff and customers and 911 was called. Driving away, he struck several parked cars and drove his vehicle at employees, hitting a concrete pillar. Speeding away on Hwy. 35 N, and then County Road 21, the jury heard he tried to run a police car off the road so dispatch called off the pursuit.

Police tracked Hegedus' license plate to find his Indian Point Road home.

The inquest heard from Sgt. John Spence who said that after fleeing Valu-Mart and arriving at his property, a camouflaged Hegedus had armed himself with a rifle, a pistol, ammunition, and a knife, and fired at police. They returned fire and Hegedus received a fatal gunshot wound in his back.

Despite attempts to treat him on the scene and en route to Haliburton hospital, he was pronounced dead at the ER at 11:47 a.m.

The jury came back with two recommendations Wednesday afternoon, addressed to the Ontario Provincial Police. It asked them to:

- Review all directives relating to Emergency Response Team uniforms to ensure that officer compliance with said directives does not adversely impact officer safety or officer response time.
- Review all directives and policies relating to the OPP communications centre to ensure, where known, complete and accurate addresses, including postal codes, are provided to responding officers to maximize officer response time.

'Barrage of gunfire' rang out in forest

By Lisa Gervais

One of the police officers who took down Leslie Hegedus on July 15, 2020 told a coroner's inquest April 23 about the moments surrounding the "barrage of gunfire" that rang out on Indian Point Road, Haliburton.

OPP officer Ezra Zugehoer recalled how he responded to the scene and was walking up the long driveway to Hegedus' house when he noticed a dark shape in the woods; and what looked like shoulders and a hat. He said the shape within a tree stump moved. He called out a police challenge; "police. Don't move. Show me your hands," a number of times.

OPP officer Craig Baril was off to the right also moving up the roadway.

He said that is when he heard "a blast" that sounded like a "cannon."

He added he was "100 per cent certain those shots were directed at me."

Zugehoer said he felt he and Baril were in a "bad ambush position" and had no choice but to "engage and stop the threat."

He added he directed his point of aim at the stump to stop the threat.

He started shooting, as did Baril.

Moving towards Hegedus, at one point,

Baril said, "come to me, I've got him here."

Asked by inquest counsel, Kim Motyl, about OPP policies around the use of deadly force, Zugehoer said it is used when "serious bodily harm or death is imminent to yourself or another individual."

"I feared for my life at that point, 100 per cent fear for my life and my partner's life." He added had he not responded, he would have been killed.

He detailed that after Hegedus was shot, they were unable to get through on the police radio for a time. They then got through to relay the suspect was down and they would need EMS.

Motyl asked if he thought they could have done anything differently.

He replied, "I don't think anything different could have been done that day." He added there was "nothing amiss" and he was proud to be part of the decisions made that day.

Zugehoer did outline issues around communications on the day, but said OPP were working on improvements. Motyl and a jury member asked several questions around that, suggesting it may form part of the juror's recommendations. There was also discussion of Baril having to change uniform at the scene.

Baril also testified Tuesday afternoon. He spoke of an "eerie feeling" as they arrived on scene. He feared for both of their lives as he closed the distance between him and Hegedus to 14 metres, from 28 metres, to eliminate the shooting threat. The inquest heard Zugehoer fired nine rounds and Baril 17.

It only takes one bad egg

Meanwhile, Sgt. John Spence, who was also fired upon, testified April 22, he had been involved in past situations requiring OPP Emergency Response Teams and, "had been able to handle a lot of stuff coming through... up to now."

Spence said within a couple of days, "I had changed... my interactions with the public, my interactions with my co-workers, and my constables. I wasn't the same. I wasn't as calm and objective as I used to be."

He said he got into policing to help people "but when they... in this situation, try to kill you, it really brought it home."

He said he was close to retirement at the time of the incident, and was thinking about his wife and children. He added, "I almost didn't make it. So, that changed me. I was

more hypervigilant at work. I continued to work for a year after that."

He said coming up to the one-year anniversary of the shooting, he was told he would have to work that day, July 15, 2021. He had wanted that particular day off but was told he could not. However, he said he got a call from a psychologist telling him to go home, "so I believe that was a good idea."

Ever since, he said he had been going through treatment. He added he can talk about the incident now but that was not always the case. "And that's why I avoided meeting people in grocery stores or going to the office."

"But in this situation, I felt compelled to testify today... for people to understand that we did the best that we could, as far as I'm concerned, with what we had."

Motyl commented it must be hard to avoid talking about such an incident, particularly in a small town. She said she imagined it had had an impact on the community, too.

Spence said the Highlands is "usually a great, great place to live. You know, 99.8 per cent of the population are good people, hard-working people, and it only takes one bad egg."

Wanakita family unveils centre

By Lisa Gervais

The Camp Wanakita family came together April 20 for the official opening of the Heming Welcome Centre.

The refurbished building is named for long-timer staffers, brothers Rob and Stevie Heming.

Camp director Andy Gruppe said they started planning the makeover in 2019.

"We're here to celebrate the opening of this building that has been awhile in the making," he told work weekenders, former and current staff and campers, as well as Haliburton County community members. He also acknowledged the work of Rodco.

Gruppe said the building has had many uses since the early 1960s, "and it will serve again as a fine meeting space," with bedrooms, an accessible washroom, and the year-round office. "It's ready for action."

He thanked the many donors, especially long-time Koshlong Lake cottagers, Barb and Scott Allan, whom he said made a commitment to launch the project.

Barb Allan said her family had been cottaging since 1962. She is a former student counsellor and generations of the family have been campers and counsellors. "We've been quite involved with Wanakita for those two generations anyways... Wanakita is very important to us," she said.

She added, as cottagers, they appreciate the camp being good stewards of the lake, saying it makes the lake "beautiful on a sunny day with their canoes, kayaks, sailboats all floating out there. I cannot dream of what kind of neighbours we would have if Wanakita wasn't here."

She said she was thrilled the building was named after the Hemings, as Rob and Stevie had touched thousands of lives in their tenures at the helm of the camp.

Rob said, "we are so privileged and really honoured. It just is emotionally overwhelming. When we first heard, we both wept."

The two came as pre-teens to the camp for the first time in 1964 and, in some ways, have never left. Rob spoke of many firsts, a night filled with the sounds of giant bullfrogs, memorable canoe trips, and girls arriving. He also paid tribute to Wayne and Pam Perkins.

Stevie said it was "humbling." He commented on the consistent leadership, long-serving staff, and the support of



head office from the YWCA Haliburton Burlington Brantford.

"Without everyone working together, visioning for the future, we wouldn't be where we are."

Top: Camp director Andy Gruppe speaks at the official opening. Above: Rob and Stevie Heming were touched to have the building named in their honour.

Photos by Lisa Gervais.

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Medeba held its 27th annual charity auction April 20 in their Mountain Lodge to raise money "for the kids" that attend Medeba's programs. There were more than 150 items that had been donated and split between a live auction and a silent auction. The live auction saw more than 100 people attend in-person and up to 25 attend and bid through an online stream. By the end of the night, the goal to raise \$32,000 was surpassed with a total received from the auction after expenses of \$32,700. Executive director Steve Archibald said, "Medeba is so grateful for the generous people who donated to the auction and for those that bid in the auction in person or online. Almost half the items received a final bid over the retail value of the item. This is best represented when 2.5 lbs of fudge went for \$230 and four jars of salsa went for \$500." (Lisa Gervais).



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OPP uniforms an issue

I've been watching the coroner's inquest into the death of Leslie Hegedus.

For those of you who don't know, he was the 73-year-old Dysart man killed by OPP in an armed stand-off at his Indian Point Road home.

The shooting took place on July 15, 2020, at the height of COVID-19 and its masking mandate.

The jury heard how an unhappy looking Hegedus walked into the Minden Valu-Mart that hot summer day. He was met by an employee who was ensuring people were masked before entering the store. Hegedus refused. When the store employee pointed to the public health requirements on a sign, Hegedus repeatedly punched the man in the head, knocking him to the floor.

Staff and public came to the workers' assistance, shoving Hegedus out the door. The enraged man jumped into his Alfa Romeo and hit some parked cars and ran at some employees before speeding out of the parking lot. Police were called and gave chase. They halted the pursuit when Hegedus tried to run a police car off the road. Hegedus went to his home where he donned camouflage and got a rifle, handgun, knife and enough ammunition for a long stand-off, and made his way to a spot in the bushes near the road of his long driveway. He was ready for police once they arrived. He shot at

officers, who returned fire and took Hegedus down. The man was pronounced dead at hospital.

The Special Investigations Unit has already cleared the officers involved in the shooting. The purpose of an inquest is to answer five questions: who was the deceased; how did the deceased come to their death; when did the deceased come to their death; and by what means did the deceased come to their death?

A jury can also – but does not have to – make recommendations in hopes of ensuring a similar death can be prevented in future.

However, there are some themes emerging that will give the five-person jury fodder for recommendations.

For example, one of the officers testified how he had to change uniforms on the side of the road - from blue to green - to enter the crime scene. The inquest counsel has prompted the jury that something should be recommended around that.

Another theme is the OPP communications system. We heard testimony that sometimes officers call other offices on their cell phones to alert them to situations, even before comms sends out a dispatch. We have heard that detachments have their own towers so sometimes an officer en route from, say Orillia, may not be able to hear the police

radio until he or she gets into range.

We also heard that sometimes the radios are so full of chatter, it is hard to hear what is going on, even when switching to tactical channels. Officers also get noise from other jurisdictions. In this case, an officer testified there were two Indian Point roads, one near Cobocok and one in Dysart and he initially headed for the wrong address.

One of the officers at the scene of the Hegedus shooting testified Tuesday that after they had taken Hegedus down, he could not initially get through on the radio to tell the others the suspect was down and they were going to need EMS. He was about to use his cell phone when the radio kicked in.

The officer said while OPP have made, and are continuing to make, improvements to police communications, it remains an issue. We suspect this - as well as uniform policy - will be two of the key recommendations. (The recommendations were released Wednesday).



By Lisa Gervais

Leading by example

I admit, I was a little blown away this week when, while chatting with the soon-to-be new owners of the Tim Hortons franchises in Haliburton and Minden, they nonchalantly revealed they're providing affordable housing for 30 employees living in the community.

I had put in a call Tuesday morning to do a short preview on Tim's smile cookie campaign, which runs April 29 to May 5 and will see all proceeds raised through local sales of the \$2 treat donated to Volunteer Dental Outreach. Five minutes later, I had a much bigger story.

Paige Chapman and Mike Garland moved to the Highlands from Saint John, New Brunswick a year ago. They knew nothing about the community, moving here sight unseen.

A few months later, and the pair arguably lay claim to being the second largest provider of affordable accommodations in the region, behind the Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Housing Corporation.

They're taking over three properties purchased by the franchises' previous ownership and have added two more. Garland said they hope to have 10 properties to house staff eventually – five each in

Minden and Haliburton.

Having seen organizations like Places for People struggle to significantly bolster its housing inventory in recent years, and many County business owners complaining about a depleted local labour force, it's refreshing to see Chapman and Garland grab the bull by the proverbial horns. Their efforts, I feel, deserve to be celebrated and shouted from the rooftops.

Chapman said one of the first things she did after striking a deal for the Tim Hortons locations was get together with her future employees, to get to know them. Find out what makes them tick. Learn about their struggles.

Coming from New Brunswick, where Chapman said mortgage payments on a new home run hundreds - not thousands - of dollars, she admitted to being perplexed when seeing how high rents run in the Highlands.

The pair offer rooms to employees at less than half market rate. Chapman said she feels it's important her staff still have enough money left over to live comfortably. Rooms are furnished, so lodgers don't have to worry about paying for beds, dressers, and the like.

Obviously, not everyone can do this. It takes a significant amount of financial muscle to purchase this much property all at once. Clearly, Chapman and Garland have the capital. But for them to invest so heavily in a community they're still getting to know is extremely commendable.

The couple is providing the blueprint for how to simultaneously address worker shortage and housing affordability problems. They're leading by example.

There are a lot of wealthy people who call Haliburton County home. Even more who own property here and visit on occasion. Imagine the good that could be done if a few of those with hefty bank accounts followed Chapman and Garland's lead.

Maybe Haliburton County's housing problem wouldn't be much of a housing problem anymore.



By Mike Baker



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PHOTOS OF THE WEEK



Top: Marie Payne sent this photo from Lake Kashagawigamog. Above: Kevin K Pepper captured this image as the sun was rising on Salerno Lake.

LETTERS

Call for HE to crack down on noise

Dear editor,

We want to voice our displeasure with the mayor and councillors of Highlands East, with their lack of action regarding the revamping of the noise bylaw.

Several homeowners on our lake have contacted the council numerous times over the last year, which have not garnered even an acknowledgement of our letters.

The current bylaw only restricts excessive noise between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m., thus allowing excessive noise for 16 hours a day.

The lakes today have more homes, therefore people, than in the past and everyone wants to enjoy the sounds of nature and not excessive noise from yelling and loud music.

Small Bluetooth speakers today can emit a very large volume of sound, which did not exist when the current bylaw was written.

Our lake is an example of this. A camp on the lake was sold and the new camp blares music for lengthy periods of time everyday which can be heard at the opposite end of the lake and 200 feet into the bush. According to the existing bylaw, all of the equipment they are using is allowed.

We are hoping the mayor and councillors will follow the lead of other municipalities. For example, Algonquin Highlands: general noise prohibitions: A9 unusual, excessive, unwanted, disturbing noise by shouting, yelling or amplified sound. Minden Hills: general noise prohibitions: 9 unusual, excessive, unwanted, disturbing noise by shouting, yelling or amplified sound and 10 loud music that is of such a volume or nature that it is likely to disturb; or can easily be heard by an individual who is not on the same premises.

Council needs to prioritize the updating of the bylaw to not allow excessive noise at any time of day and better reflect new technology and people's rights to enjoy their properties in peace.

*Rick and Janet Niezen
Big Harding Lake*

Are we still talking about the chair?

Dear editor,

In response to Paul Hewit's response to John Trimble's letter 'Broken lawn chair \$10 fee'

I feel we should make a monument of this lawn chair much like Toronto's famous Conrad the racoon. This monumental chair would symbolize the real issue at hand. Stop buying cheap plastic things. Had Johns' chair been made from wood, it very well could have been made locally. Once broken it could have been repaired, re-purposed, recycled or even used as kindling for winter warmth. Instead, the cost here is much more than \$10. Our kids' kids, will find it buried, still broken, poisoning our planet.

*Marchand Lamarre
Minden*

Making the art of Lapine new again

By Lisa Gervais

The Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden has two recently-restored Andre Lapine paintings - thanks to Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation funding, and the expertise of Peterborough-based conservator, Basia Baklinski.

Baklinski said the biggest issue with the untitled painting, depicting men and horses, was a hole.

She found the fireside painting to be very dark, as it had likely been varnished many times. She noted both paintings had a black, sooty, substance on them. Her theory is that they were likely stored together in the vicinity of a coal furnace, or perhaps kept in a damp basement room.

“Even before I could take the varnish off, I had to take this black sooty stuff off,” Baklinski said.

She said the fireplace painting had several anomalies once she removed the varnish. It almost looked as though someone had applied watercolour over parts of the painting.

Also, she detected the painting had been done on a surface, such as fabric, and then tacked onto a board.

Baklinski said everything she restores

has its own unique challenges and requires different treatments.

She noted *Fireside* had been worked on before, “and I don’t know if it was a conservator or if it was just somebody in the kitchen. But there were little divots right up at the top, and two of them were barely visible but looked like somebody had applied some black ink to sort of camouflage, but it made them stand out more, actually.”

All up, she said it took about 13 hours to restore both paintings. She said on a scale of one to 10, 10 being huge amounts of paint loss, or paintings so dry they are completely crispy, these were not bad.

“Although, I was absolutely flummoxed when I kept getting the black.” However, she found it a fun and interesting challenge.

She added despite not necessarily knowing the name of a painter when a piece of work comes through the door, she develops an emotional connection with the artist.

“It sounds weird but I do get an emotional connection with the things I work on,” Baklinski said.

She added, “with paintings, I’ll look at brush strokes, for example, and wonder what was he thinking when he was painting this? Why is this face so clear when all the

other ones are murky? These paintings elicit emotion out of me, they become almost like family.”

And despite feeling as though the restored works are never ready to return, and she holds her breath for approval, Baklinski said she takes pride in what she does and takes the responsibility seriously.

“Given any occupation, or any profession, on the planet, I would pick this one.”

Shannon Kelly, manager of cultural services at Minden Hills, has worked with Baklinski in the past on conservation projects.

“Her work is always flawless and her attention to detail remarkable. She is also a great person to work with. She drove from Peterborough to pick up the paintings and returned them to the Cultural Centre when the work was completed, so we did not have to pay for shipping.”

Kelly added, “I would also like to extend my thanks to the donation by the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation, which made this work possible. Moving forward, we hope to have one to two paintings from our permanent collection cleaned each year in this manner.”



From left: Robert Wong, cultural program coordinator for the Township of Minden Hills, and David Rea, president of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation holding ‘Untitled’ and ‘Fireside’ by Andre Lapine. The conservation work was completed by Basia Baklinski (The Conservation Clinic) and funded by the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation. *Submitted.*

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Top left: Logan Patrick McAdams brought a tremendous splash of colour. Top right: Alumni Austin Roy works on his jewelry. Above: Technologist John Ducker demonstrates his craft. Right: Wendy Lingard wears her art. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*

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The Mason Jar 'spreading joy with food'

By Lisa Gervais

With a background in hospitality, the owners of The Mason Jar in Camarvon say they love to serve people.

Tara and Andrew Schroeder are doing just that as of April 22, at the home of the former Lola's food truck at Hwy. 35 and 118.

They've themed their newly-minted venture 'spreading joy with food' with Andrew referencing "the beautiful colours in the food, the beautiful flavours."

"We love bringing joy through the food, and the service that we're giving... the thankfulness, the smiling faces, people coming up and saying 'that was amazing'."

Since purchasing the food truck effective March 1, the two have been busy. They've put wood siding on the vehicle, added an awning, picnic tables with umbrellas, two small smokers out back, and even painted lines for parking spaces. They've also rebranded it The Mason Jar. It's got curb appeal.

Tara said they wanted people driving by to notice "a very relaxed vibe." She and Andrew use words like "simple" and "elevated elegant. Not crazy colours, other than our food," Andrew adds. "We like our vibrant beautiful pops of colour but for curb appeal, it's black and white, with nice wood."

Tara has been coming to the area for years, as her grandparents owned Shalom-by-the-Lake on Halls Lake. Her parents now own it and she still helps out. That's why she and Andrew moved back to the area.

They had been in Orillia and Andrew worked as head chef at Fair Havens Camp and Conference Centre in Beaverton. Tara also worked there in a number of capacities. It's where they met and married a year later.

Andrew says, "we work great together as long as there is that definitive line, 'this is mine, this is yours' but when that is there, we work amazingly."

Andrew worked in kitchens in Niagara Falls, and was recently the regional chef for Boshkung Smokehouse and Boshkung Social.

The new venture came about when they noticed the food truck, and its location, when they moved back to the area. "We loved it."

Earlier this year, they reached out to then owner, Lori Glenn, to say if she ever wanted to sell, they would be interested. The deal was done quickly.

It's been long hours since. In addition to the rebrand and curb appeal, the two have been challenged to strike a menu that resonates with a lot of people.

There's smoked meats and smash burgers, but they wanted to please the herbivores as well. So, there are things such as power bowls.

Since it is a two-person operation for now, they have also crafted an "efficient" menu, to get "delicious and beautiful" meals out the window fairly quickly.

They would like to find one additional staff person but were still looking as of April 19. Andrew said a candidate does not have to



Andrew and Tara Schroeder outside The Mason Jar in Camarvon. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

have experience, but must be willing to learn, have drive, and not be afraid of being busy. Tara adds they want someone with a positive attitude.

They also want to maintain consistent hours.

And it isn't just the human customers they hope to cater for. There is a cannister of dog

treats near the register and water bowls are placed outside so fido can experience the 'spreading of joy with food' too.

The Mason Jar is at 15436 Hwy. 35. You can find them at themasonjar.ca; facebook.com/themasonjarfoodcompany; at themasonjarfoodco@gmail.com; or 1-705-826-6527.

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Minden's Molly's moving to market bakery

By Lisa Gervais

After 14 years at the helm of Molly's Bistro Bakery, owner Molly McInerney is making a change.

The popular Minden eatery will no longer be a sit-down restaurant for breakfast and lunch. However, McInerney's food will still be available as take-out or to carry home.

The space is now devoid of tables and will instead be filled with refrigerators for fresh foods and freezers for frozen items. There will also be take-away breakfast and lunch options as well as fresh baking.

McInerney plans to open the newly-named Molly's Market Bakery on May 5.

The business is still up for sale, and McInerney ultimately would like someone to purchase it. But, until that happens, the 68-year-old proprietor is looking to make things somewhat easier, especially since she has been largely under-staffed.

"I thought let's just change it up a little bit," she said last week.

During the first wave of COVID, she expanded the frozen food offerings and started doing date nights once a week. "I really enjoyed that. It was fun. You get to be creative," she recalled.

During the pandemic's second wave, amid lockdowns, they closed the restaurant completely as breakfast isn't conducive to take-away. However, she made preserves. When Molly's re-opened, she did not have time for preserves, but felt guilty when there was no jam or chili sauce on the shelf.

And while she loves the restaurant, she knows summers can be brutally busy with no opportunity to cater. That coupled with a staff shortage has resulted in the pivot.

"This has been in the back of my head for several months."

While regulars will miss gathering at her bistro, McInerney said, "I'll have fresh cuisine as well as carry home and dinner solutions, and frozen. I'm going to expand the bakery. I'm going to start selling bread again." She's dreaming about cupcakes, "bigger, badder, better" cookies and cream puffs.

Warming up to the topic of food, she adds, "there's going to be a huge selection of things to choose from. I will have grab-and-go sandwiches and soup and salads, maybe add croissants, something a little more fun... I'll have some breakfast offerings. I was thinking of doing some mini pastry-less quiches and making a bunch of savoury ham pies with sausage, mushroom, broccoli, Cornish pasties, meatballs with sauce, wings and ribs that are partially cooked and can be finished at home, along with homemade sauces to go with them. It's 20 minutes to half-hour to finish at home."

There are favourite foods she will still offer, such as her Tuscan crepes and eggs benney. People can take the ingredients home and just add an egg. "So, you can have your own classy brunch at home on a Sunday." She's also planning smaller portions for seniors or those who live alone.



Molly McInerney in space being converted to Molly's Market Bakery. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

She admits it's joyful envisioning the new space and its offerings. "I am enjoying it and I like when people taste my food and like it."

As for regular customers, she said they understand why the change is occurring, as "they don't want me to kill myself. Not gonna' die on the grill," she says with a laugh.

Meanwhile, the restaurant remains for sale.

"It's still a restaurant if someone wants to buy it and start the restaurant up, then it's all there. If someone wants to take it over like this (market), then it will be successful for

them as well. If they want to change back into a restaurant, they'll be heroes."

In her dream world, she hopes a long-time customer or customers miss the sit-down breakfast so much they'll make an offer.

"I'll be 69 this year. I'd like to sit on my back deck and read a book. Dig in the garden again."

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HHOA restocking a dozen lakes this year

By Mike Baker

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association is aiming to restock around 30,000 fish into 12 area lakes this year, says its president Dan Smith.

Efforts began April 9, with volunteers transporting rainbow trout and lake trout into Maple, Glamor, Clement, and Kashagawigamog lakes. As of April 22, Smith said the HHOA had stocked approximately 15,000 rainbow trout and 5,600 lake trout.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry assisted hatchery staff April 21, using a helicopter to transport 2,000 ‘Haliburton Gold’ lake trout into Devil’s, Concession, Sheldon, and Rainy lakes.

“Stocking thousands of fish in multiple lakes is a very big job that involves a lot of moving parts and a lot of people power,” Smith said. “Timing is critical. Water temperatures have to be just right. It’s a lot of coordination and hard work, but it’s well worth the effort to help maintain good fishing in our lakes.”

Smith said the local restocking program is done in partnership with MNRF, which studies and tracks fish population levels and identifies lakes that are struggling.

He noted all fish are raised at the Haliburton hatchery, located on Gelert Road.

“Usually, we’ll do most of our restocking the old-fashioned way – we have a big trailer with a water tank on it that can hold 700 gallons of water. We’ll net the fish out of the big tanks in the hatchery and put them into the trailer. We have a water pump that circulates the water to keep it oxygenated, then we drive to whatever lake we’re stocking,” Smith said, noting they can be on the road for up to an hour before transporting the fish.

The MNRF assists with restocking on lakes that are difficult to access, Smith added. Fish are piped into six holding tanks on the chopper and released as the pilot hovers over its targeted lake.

Most stocking takes place in early spring

as soon as the ice has melted. Smith said the timing is perfect as cold water holds more oxygen, creating less stress for the fish in their new environment.

Smith said the HHOA restocks lakes for two reasons – to improve recreational fishing, and to protect and rebuild dwindling natural fish populations.

“It’s a big thing for our tourism sector. If we’ve got a good fishery up here, it attracts more tourists to our area, which in turn brings dollars to the area,” Smith said.

Some lakes, like Glamor, are targeted every other year, while popular spots such as Maple Lake and Kashagawigamog are stocked annually. The most recent lake rehabilitation HHOA participated in was on Salmon Lake, just north of Buckhorn in Peterborough County. Thousands of ‘Haliburton Gold’ lake trout were dropped there for three straight years from 2019 to 2021.

“I’m told by fishermen who go there regularly that the lake is a healthy fishery again,” he said.

Smith estimated the HHOA has raised and stocked more than 800,000 fish since efforts began 30 years ago. He said Haliburton has the largest community fish hatchery in the province, run largely by volunteers.

Paudash put-in

Smith attended a stocking on Paudash Lake April 16, when 2,600 lake trout were transported from the North Hastings Community Fish Hatchery in Bancroft. About 30 people attended the put-in, including Highlands East mayor Dave Burton, and coun. Angela Lewis.

Mike Thomas, president of the Paudash Lake Conservation Association, said restocking efforts have been ongoing for eight years, with almost 35,000 fish finding a new home at Paudash.

He said fish are raised for two years in Bancroft before being stocked. Estimating the cost at \$6 per fish, he said Paudash Lake has received \$200,000 of lake trout since 2017.



The MNRF assisted the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association with its fish restocking efforts last week. *Submitted.*

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The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA) gifted \$2,000 to Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) April 16 as part of its ongoing commitment to support health-related projects in the community. HCSA president Neil Vanderstoop says the organization donates \$1 for each hour of grooming time on the Rail Trail TOP B103, topping it up with cash donations and proceeds raised through a bottle drive. “With the poor winter that challenged us, it was great to see the team pull together to raise money for this project,” Vanderstoop said. The hospital will use the money to purchase a handheld doppler ultrasound, which measures blood flow in patients, to assist with diabetes treatments. (Mike Baker).

HCSA volunteers met with HHHS and HHHS Foundation staff last week for the \$2,000 donation. Submitted.



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Practising the three R's in Gooderham

The Gooderham Community Action Group held a brand-new Earth Day event April 20. In the spirit of reduce, reuse, and recycle, the Gooderham Community Centre was filled with tables offering new and gently-used items for sale, as well as tables featuring Earth Day displays. Hot dogs and refreshments were available for purchase. *(Lisa Gervais).*

There were a number of booths at the Earth Day event in Gooderham. Top: Photo by Michele Mark. Above: Gooderham Community Action Group members drinking tea (L-R) Lynn McDuff, Michele Mark, Mark Kampers, Kim MacAlpine, Faye Corscadden and Sue Brown. *Submitted.*

Twelve additions to Highlands Sports Hall of Fame

By Mike Baker

The second class of inductees for the Haliburton Highlands Sports Hall of Fame has been revealed, with six athletes, four community builders, and one historic local team to be honoured.

Roger Trull, chair of the Hall of Fame's organizing committee, said he was really happy with the class of 2024, noting there are some standout names who competed provincially, nationally, and internationally – helping to put Haliburton County on the map.

"We've accomplished our goal of recognizing people from a number of different sports, and people who have made a difference to developing sport in the County," Trull said. "All nominees, whether an athlete or builder, have had highly successful careers they can all be proud of."

Track and field star Kate Campbell, hockey players Scott LaRue and Gary Vasey, baseball exports Colin and Greg Newell, and footballer Mark Robinson are to be inducted into the athletes wing. Gary Brohman, former principal and athletics coach at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, will join Jane Heyes, Ken Rosenberg, and Mark Schell Sr. as recognized community builders.

The 1974 HHSS Redmen football squad are the sole inductee in the team category, recognized for their exploits winning the COSSA Single A championship.

New this year, Trull said one local organization is to receive an outstanding achievement award for its contributions to sport. The Haliburton County Red Wolves, which works with Special Olympics to have disabled athletes compete locally, and outside the County's borders, will be the inaugural recipient.

"They have done truly unrivalled work in building a fantastic program in Haliburton County. Red Wolves athletes compete locally, provincially, and nationally in some cases – they have huge involvement from County-based athletes. We're really excited to recognize their contributions," Trull said.

Campbell set several regional track records during her time at HHSS, with many still standing today. She was the first local student athlete to win gold at OFSAA - the provincial championships for high school athletics.

LaRue played junior hockey within the



Roger Trull is excited about the second class of inductees to the Haliburton Highlands Sports Hall of Fame. Photo by Mike Baker.

Montreal Canadiens and Detroit Red Wings farm systems as a rugged defenceman before playing professionally in Europe. Vasey was a noted scorer who led the Minden Monarchs to three straight Eastern Ontario Championships between 1956 and 1958. Later in life, he was the owner, general manager, and coach of a junior hockey franchise in Bradford.

The Newell brothers turned heads as up-and-coming baseball players in the 1980s. Colin played in the International Softball Congress (ISC) league in the 1990s, representing teams in Owen Sound, Oshawa, Scarborough, and Bracebridge. He received numerous MVP awards and won bronze and silver medals at the ISC World Championships, and gold at the Ontario Sr. AAA Championships.

Greg travelled all over North America

playing in the Ontario Amateur Softball Association, International Softball Congress, Canadian and Eastern Canadian, and North American Fastpitch Association championships. He was noted for his hitting ability.

Robinson enjoyed a stellar football career at Queen's University, where he was named rookie of the year as an offensive lineman in 1990, won the Vanier Cup in 1992, and an Ontario-Quebec Intercollegiate Football Conference all-star and second team All Canadian in 1993. He was also a finalist for TSN's prestigious Russ Jackson Award for academic achievement, football skills, and citizenship.

On the builders side, Brohman is noted for his work at HHSS, where the athletics field is named after him. Heyes was instrumental in developing the Haliburton Highlands

Jackrabbit Cross Country Ski program through the 90s and 2000s. Rosenberg is recognized for his work helping hundreds of local golfers at the Haliburton Highlands Golf Course, while Schell supported County-based hockey and baseball programs - in the community and at HHSS.

An induction ceremony will be held May 25 at A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The event kicks off at 2 p.m. and will feature videos for each inductee, and awards presented by someone who impacted their career. Posters of the inductees will be installed at the Haliburton and Minden hall of fame sites.

"We think it's really valuable to recognize the important role these people played in furthering sports in our community," Trull said.

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Authors show off their published work at the first Bookapalooza in 2022. *File.*

Bookapalooza to feature big-name mystery author

By Mike Baker

The Haliburton Arts Council is staging a community-wide game of Guess Who? in the lead up to this year's third annual Bookapalooza literary festival.

Douglas Tindall, a County-based author and arts council member, said one of Canada's most loved, bestselling authors will be in attendance for a conversation and book signing, and is challenging the community to figure out who it is.

"His or her identity remains a secret – we're really hoping to build some intrigue. Our mystery author is a name very well-known around the world, and should be very well-known to this area," Tindall said, noting people are invited to submit guesses and, if correct, have a chance to win a prize.

The arts council has been working with CanoeFM on the guessing game, revealing clues on air and social media. Tindall shared the final clue, which airs on Canoe this week.

"I'll bet you never saw it coming: Bookapalooza is only three months away! There is a rumour that we are running short on tickets, but this is far from true. We can help you chase down the last 23 seats at a price that will not ruin you. We don't want to deliver bad news, so get your guesses in," Tindall said.

Previous clues focused on the senses, with the first noting this year's guest "is sure to take your breath away," and another advising players to "trust your eyes as clues are revealed."

Guesses can be submitted to bookapalooza.hh@gmail.com. Tindall noted the author's identity will be revealed May 1.

A hobby writer for most of his life, Tindall said Bookapalooza is a great way for local authors to showcase their works. This year's event will take place July 13 at the

Minden Community Centre.

"Last year was my first Bookapalooza and one of the things that blew me away is how much incredible cultural activity we have going on in the County, how many writers we have here who are tucked away, doing their own thing. It's nice to shine a light on that," Tindall said.

By hosting it earlier in the summer, Tindall said organizers are hoping to attract more writers and visitors.

There's a new format, with the exhibitor's hall and big book club, previously separate events held in different locations, coming together under one roof. The event will start at noon, with the mystery author participating in a book signing and Q&A at 3 p.m. Writers will remain at their booths until 5:30 p.m.

The author will participate in a more "intimate" reception and dinner at the Dominion Hotel at 6 p.m.

Access to the exhibitor's hall is free, but tickets are required for the book signing, Q&A, and reception. They go on sale May 1.

Tindall said Bookapalooza is a great event for everyone.

"As one of the participating authors last year, it was a big help for me. I love writing, but don't have a clue where to start with selling my books. Having an event like this, which brings so many eyes to what you've done, really helps with that," Tindall said.

"There really is no other opportunity like this for local literary lovers. I enjoy reading a best-seller just as much as the next person, but these books are written by local authors, often using local landmarks and settings in their stories, and focusing on things that matter to Haliburton County. There's something about that that you just can't replicate," he added.

For more information, visit haliburtonarts.on.ca.

EVENTS

April 26, 2 p.m.
Learn how to use the 'speed-dial' method of cold-moist stratification to prepare native wildflower seeds for planting. This is a free program for adults at the Dysart et al branch of the Haliburton County Public Library. No registration required.

April 27, 3:30 p.m.
Razzamataz Kids' Shows presents 'Spirit and Tradition', an Indigenous dance show from the British Columbian northwest coast. At the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for kids. For more information, visit razzamataz.ca.

April 27, 4 p.m.
Dinner and auction at Galway Hall in Kinmount. Tickets are \$35 per person for a roast beef dinner. There will also be silent and live auctions, and games of chance. Doors open at 4 p.m., dinner served at 6 p.m. All proceeds support beautification projects in Kinmount. For tickets, call 705-928-2635.

April 28, noon to 3 p.m.
LGBTQ+ seniors and allies 'Sunday Friends' drop-in at SIRCH Bistro in Haliburton. Light lunch provided, donations appreciated. Sponsored by Aging Together as Community (ATAC) in partnership with Minden Pride and SIRCH. Join us to share a story and make new friends. Transportation can be arranged - register by April 22 by contacting peterfquinton@gmail.com.

April 30, 7:30 p.m.
'Finding Your Power', a discussion with Fay Martin, author, organizer, and activist, as part of a series focusing on how to make our communities better places. Preceded by music with Gord Kidd. Event taking place in the Schofield Room at the Haliburton Legion. Sponsored by the Baha'i community of Haliburton County. Open to all, no admission charge, light refreshments provided.

May 7, 6 to 7 p.m.
Join the Minden and District Horticultural Society youth garden club at the Minden Community Centre as volunteers work to get the pollinator garden ready for the new season. The club is aimed towards children in Grade 2 or higher who want to explore their interest in all things that grow.

May 7, 6:30 p.m.
The Minden and District Horticultural Society will have its next meeting at the Minden Community Centre, with speaker, Liz Case, discussing how to best grow your own vegetables from seeds. All are welcome.

May 8, 1 p.m.
Beth Archibald, palliative care patient navigator at HHHS will be speaking on advance care directives, end of life decisions, and palliative care at St. George's Anglican Church in Haliburton.

May 11, 9:30 a.m.
The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association is hosting its annual general meeting at the Haliburton Legion. There will be an election for new directors. Come and meet the team. Everyone welcome. For more information, contact 705-457-4263 or info@hcsa.ca.

May 11, 10 a.m. to noon.
Join Belinda Gallagher and Michele Swyer to explore the woods and fields of Barnum Creek Nature Reserve. We'll hike approximately two to three kilometres of trails, learn about the sustainable harvesting of leeks, and observe many spring wildflowers. Admission by donation. Registration required through haliburtonlandtrust.ca, or by calling 705-457-3700.

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April 26: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch - meatloaf or liver and onions. \$15 per person.
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NOTICES

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CAA offer 3 cents off on the gas and
10% on the items inside the store
except lotto and cigarettes

OBITUARIES




In Loving Memory of
Marie Whitfield
(nee Cowen)

Peacefully passed away at Highland Wood in Haliburton on Saturday, March 16, 2024, in her 83rd year. Cherished daughter of Winnifred (nee Gainforth) and Norman Cowen. Beloved wife of Adrian Whitfield. Loving mother of Jeff, Liane (Cleve), and Sean. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren, Paige, Preston (Erin), Renae (Codi), Kirsten (John), and many of her nieces and nephews. Lovingly remembered by her sister, Marlene Lavallee (Cowen). Predeceased by her brothers Arnold Cowen, Lloyd Cowen, and Ross Cowen.

Celebration of Life

Friends and family are invited to call at **THE COMMUNITY ROOM** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Saturday afternoon, April 27, 2024, for a Celebration of Marie's Life from 12-2 p.m. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton 4C's - Food Bank, Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (Highland Wood), or a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.





In Loving Memory of
David Terence "Terry" Maher

Passed away peacefully at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Friday, April 19th, 2024 in his 92nd year.

Beloved husband of Ann. Dear father of Michael, Jenifer and her husband Scott Welch. Loving grandpa of Lisa and her partner James, Brian and his wife Annie and great grandpa of Jossie. Fondly remembered by his sister Margaret and her son Taro.

It was Terry's wish for cremation and no service.

Memorial Donations to the Alzheimer's Society would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.






Mary Harnden
(Nee Saunders)

Mary passed surrounded by the love of her family at Northumberland Hills Hospital at 88 years of age. Mary was born to Albert and Ethel Saunders and raised on the family farm in Wilberforce. After raising her family in Cobourg, Mary returned to her roots up north where she continued to develop her many talents. Over the last several years, Mary enjoyed the friendships formed within her apartment community in Cobourg. Always up for a project, she transformed a strip of land into a garden filled with colourful plantings. Mary will be forever missed by her children, Janet (Fred Swanson), Joanne McCullough (Tom Corneil) and Mark (Nancy Hompus). She was blessed with her grandchildren, Jesse Campbell (Dan), Ben Harnden (Stacey) and Matthew McCullough along with her great grandchildren Madelyn and Cole Harnden. Mary is now reunited with her brother Jim Saunders (deceased 2019) and is survived by her sister-in-law Mina Saunders and their children. Special thanks to Dr. Al-Ali and the intensive and palliative care departments of NHH for her care.

Visitation & Funeral Service

In keeping with Mary's wishes a Funeral Service will take place on Saturday morning, May 4, 2024 at 11 o'clock. (Visitation one hour prior) at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209. A reception will follow in The Community Room. Interment South Wilberforce Cemetery. For those wishing to join the family virtually please follow the enclosed link. <https://join.skype.com/m57em6troWu4>. As an expression of sympathy, donations may be made to a charity of your choice and would be appreciated by the family.






In Loving Memory of
Rosemary Chapman
(Nee Lee)

Rosemary Anne Chapman of West Guilford, passed away on April 12th, 2024 at the age of 88 years, after a life well-lived. Born in Lincoln, England in 1935 she trained as a nurse and emigrated to Canada in 1957 with her husband, Douglas Chapman where they settled in Sudbury. Rosemary was a bright and talented nurse. She later became a Clinical Manager in Cardiac Interventions in Sudbury, Los Angeles, and Toronto before moving to West Guilford where she retired and enjoyed quilting, knitting, volunteering, and her beloved pets. Rosemary had a fierce intelligence and was a great reader who kept up to date with everything from politics to tennis and had opinions about them all. She will be missed by her four children, Fiona(David), Mandy(Clare), Stephen(Mary), and Andrew as well as her six grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. The family is so grateful for the kindness of Rosemary's Barry Line neighbors as well as the staff at Haliburton Highlands Hospital.

Private Funeral Arrangements

Funeral arrangements are private. As an expression of sympathy, donations to SIRCH Community Services or the Canadian Red Cross would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.





In Loving Memory of
Florence "Flo" Elliott
(Nee Liscombe)


Peacefully at Extendicare - Haliburton surrounded by her family at the age of 94 on Sunday, April 14, 2024. Florence was predeceased by her beloved husband William, and her sons Stephen and Morris. She is survived by her daughter-in-law Anne, granddaughters Lauren (Ned), and Alexandra (Nathan), grandson Cameron (Meriko), and great-grandchildren Nova, Ivy, and Felix. Flo was also predeceased by her brother Bill and sisters Dorothy, Bobby, Marion and Mavis. Also lovingly remembered by her many nieces and nephews.

Florence was born on March 24, 1930, in Larder Lake, Ontario. Florence was eternally optimistic and nurtured many passions throughout her life. Ever involved in her Community, she was a member of the Wilberforce Loop Troop, was an avid clogger, was a columnist for the Haliburton Echo, and worked at the Wilberforce Library part-time after her retirement until she was in her late eighties. Flo also enjoyed quilting.

Visitation & Funeral Mass

Friends and family are invited to call at **ST. JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC CHURCH** 5408 Loop Rd, Highland Grove, Ontario on Monday afternoon, April 22, 2024 for a Funeral Mass at 1 o'clock. (Visitation one hour prior). Interment South Wilberforce Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.





In Loving Memory of
Elsie Massey
May 8, 1935 - April 14, 2024

It is with deep sadness, we announce that on Sunday, April 14, 2024, Elsie Massey passed away peacefully in her 89th year at Hyland Crest LTC, Minden, Ontario.

Beloved wife of the late John (Rex) and mother of Lesley (Terry) and her late son Craig (2013). Sister to Brian, Val, Colin (Chris) and the late Tommy (Ruby) and the late Audrey in England. She will be remembered lovingly as "Nana" by Melissa (Serge), Sarah, Terri-Lynn (Jason), Jared (Ramona), Jacob, Zack and Kelsey and as "Nana GG" by Jalyynn, Danielle, Jaiden and Jaxon, Mailly and Isabel.

Elsie loved to play darts and euchre at the local Legions around London and Haliburton/Minden and was known for her over the top personality! She proudly represented her British heritage and always celebrated the special occasions for those she loved. We would like to thank her home care workers and the staff at the Hyland Crest LTC for their compassion and care over the last 2 years.

Elsie and Rex will be laid to rest in a private family service. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Royal Canadian Legion, Minden Branch #636 Poppy Fund would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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OBITUARIES



In Loving Memory of
Sherin Ann Brown
(nee Swinson)

Passed away peacefully at Extendicare Haliburton on Wednesday, April 17, 2024.

Beloved wife of the late William Ira Brown. Dear mother of Bill and his wife Jill, Suzy and her husband Paul, Mary and her husband Jim and Mark (predeceased). Loving grandma of Paige (Rod), Jessica (Matt), Logan, Taylor, (Duncan), Jayme, Lucas (Ariel), Lauryn (Cooper), and great grandma of Caydence, Mackenzie and Liam. Dear sister of Dean, Glenda, Julie, Murray, and predeceased by Bob, Dan and Gwen. Fondly remembered by her nieces, nephews, and by her friends and co-workers for many years at Kawartha Dairy. The family would like to thank her special friend Joan and her daughter-in-law Jill, Sherin's children greatly appreciate her care over the years and the care provided from the staff at Extendicare Haliburton.

A Graveside Service will take place at the Kinmount Cemetery on Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 11:00am. Reception to follow at the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 441 (upstairs), 11 County Road 503, Kinmount.

Memorial Donations to Snowflake Meadows Rescue (cheques only) would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



At Rest
Ellis Basil "Basle"
Norman Cooper

Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Saturday, April 20, 2024 at the age of 92.

Beloved husband of Joan (nee Redner) for 69 years. Dear father of Sheryl (Tim) Priest of Stratford, Esther Sipe of West Guilford, John (Sandra) of West Guilford, predeceased by his son Ernie (2021), grandfather of Amber (Eric), Joshua, Crystal (Jared), Darcee (Nathan), Sherry (Shane) and great grandfather of Jaden, Hailey, Kara, Austin, Autumn and unborn great grandson. Predeceased by his parents John and Jane (nee Bird) Cooper, by his sisters Elsie Cooper, Leona Barry and Lorna Stackhouse and by his brothers Trevor and Jim.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Road, P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Thursday, May 2, 2024 from 11:00 am until the time of the Funeral Service in the chapel at 1:00 pm. Interment at the Maple Lake United Church Cemetery.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) or the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.



Dad

My mind still talks to you... my heart still looks for you... I've gotten through the worst part - the endless sea of tears.... but my soul knows that you are at peace.

A year without you has felt like an eternity. Your absence lingers, a gentle sign that those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed.

Although I'm truly grateful for everything we had... my heart forever echoes...
"I love and miss you Dad"

In memory of "Hec" Arsenault - who left us
April 22, 2023

Pat & Tom and family

THANK YOU



With the passing of Delaine Miller, I would like to thank the doctors, nurses, PSW's, EMS, Ambulance drivers and everyone involved in Delaine's care.

Thanks to all family and friends.

Also, would especially like to thank the Haliburton Community Funeral Home, staff and the service person.

Thank You,
Allen Miller

HELP WANTED



Customer Care Specialist & Scheduling Coordinator

This position centers on our busy and growing service and maintenance department. The right individual will be comfortable working independently and within a team in a fast-paced, ever-changing environment.

Your positive attitude, high energy personality and tremendous written and verbal communication skills will enable you to interact comfortably with our customers in person, over the phone and electronically in this front line position. You are energetic, super-organized, multi-tasker with the ability to prioritize and schedule jobs with a focus on efficiency.

You will have strong computer skills and be familiar with Microsoft Office applications. Familiarity with QuickBooks would be considered an asset however is not mandatory. You possess exceptional attention to detail and are highly organized and efficient professional who is a keen problem solver.

Training and detail specific job shadowing will be provided to help you transition into this multi-faceted position. This role offers competitive wages and benefits to the right candidate.

Please send cover letter and resume by email to info@walkershvac.com expressing what skills you possess and why you feel you meet our needs.

We thank all those who apply, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

HELP WANTED



Water Quality Coordinator - 1 Year Contract

U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research

Are you passionate about the environment and keen to make a difference at the community level?

U-Links is looking for an enthusiastic, self-directed individual to work with our community-based research team. Under the supervision of the U-Links Program Coordinator and the U-Links Director, you will be responsible for coordinating the Water Quality Pilot Program and assisting with the Woodlands and Waterways EcoWatch program as well as supporting other research projects undertaken by U-Links.

The ideal candidate will have post-secondary education (environmental studies, environmental sciences, environmental tech, ecosystems management, biology, or related field) and field knowledge of ecological monitoring and biological sampling methods (OBBN certification and/or experience with vegetation sampling protocols are preferred).

This is a 1-year contract starting May 13th. Pay rate: \$23/hr. Access to up to 5,000.00 in professional development funding, mileage compensation and a comprehensive benefits package are included for this position. For a full job description and the link to pre-qualify for EcoCanada, go to www.ulinks.ca

Email a detailed cover-letter and resume to admin@ulinks.ca by May 2nd, 23:59 EST.

This position is funded by EcoCanada. Candidates must be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident or person granted refugee status in Canada, be eligible to work in Canada and be between the ages of 15-30 (inclusive) at the start of employment. To be eligible for EcoCanada internships you must be approved by EcoCanada. Go to www.eco.ca to pre-qualify.

Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Food Hub Retail & Cafe Staff

We are currently hiring for a busy summer season in the Food Hub!

Primary Responsibilities:

- Assisting retail customers during check out, with product questions, and questions about the property
- Working in the Garden Café (also located in the Food Hub) to make espresso drinks, serve baked goods, grilled sandwiches, etc. (Experience an asset but not required)
- Maintaining Hub displays, floor, and restocking shelves
- Assist with festivals and events held by Abbey Gardens

\$18/hr. Part time and full time available. Approximately 2 Saturdays each month are required.

To apply email your resume to info@abbeygardens.ca

HELP WANTED - Experienced wood stove and chimney installer required - with or without own tools. Full time/Part time, salary negotiable \$25 - \$35 per hour. Must be reliable with full licence. Great income/growth opportunity for the right person, technical support will be provided. Haliburton/Minden area. Text 416-797-2521

HELP WANTED

In search of PSW or RN to assist with home care in Wilberforce. Responsibilities will include assistance with daily living, mobility, physio, hygiene, meals, cleaning, etc. Please contact kevinclark@sympatico.ca for further details.



DYSART ET AL
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Finance Assistant – Full Time
Employment

The Municipality of Dysart et al is seeking an energetic individual to join our finance team in the role of Finance Assistant. Annual salary range is from \$49,144 to \$57,492. A detailed job description is available at <https://www.dysartetal.ca/en/municipal-government/careers.aspx> for your review.

Interested applicants may submit their resume and cover letter to Sonja Marx at smarx@dysartetal.ca. Applications must be submitted via email and will be accepted until 12:30 pm on Friday May 3, 2024.

We thank all of those who apply, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Accommodations for applicants with disabilities will be provided upon request. The Municipality of Dysart et al is an equal opportunity employer. Personal information is collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used only for employment purposes.

HELP WANTED - Bonnie View Inn looking for Front Desk Agent, Housekeepers, Prep Cooks and Cooks. Part time, seasonal and full time positions available. Contact Bonnie at 705-457-2350



Environmental Research Associate

Are you passionate about the environment and keen to make a difference at the community level?

U-Links is looking for an enthusiastic, self-directed individual to work with our community-based research team. Under the supervision of the U-Links Program Coordinator and the U-Links Director, you will play a pivotal role in supporting the Woodlands and Waterways EcoWatch program, along with contributing to various environmental research initiatives led by U-Links.

The ideal candidate will either have or be engaged in post-secondary education (environmental studies, environmental sciences, biology, or similar disciplines) and field knowledge of ecological monitoring and biological sampling methods (OBBN certification and/or experience with vegetation sampling protocols are preferred). Reliable access to a vehicle is required.

This is an 8-week contract from May 13th to July 8th, 2024 with the possibility of extension (up to 38 weeks) depending on funding. Compensation: \$21/hour + mileage + vacation pay. For a full job description and more details go to www.ulinks.ca

Email a detailed cover-letter and resume to admin@ulinks.ca by May 2nd, 23:59 EST

This position is funded by Canada Summer Jobs. must be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident or person granted refugee status in Canada, be eligible to work in Canada and be between the ages of 15-30 (inclusive) at the start of employment.

Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Food Truck & Catering Staff

Into The Blue is an authentic Italian wood fired pizza truck and mobile catering business located at Abbey Gardens.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Cooking pizzas in the wood fired oven!
- Prep - chopping, grilling, making dough, decorating pizzas
- Preparing and serving grilled sandwiches and salads in addition to pizzas
- Serving customers, taking orders, cashing customers out using our Square POS system
- Setting up and taking down for events and markets
- Shifts include Tuesdays at the Farmers Market, Thursday - Sundays at Abbey Gardens, and occasional events throughout the week and weekends

\$17/hr. Part time, flexible hours.
To apply email resume to intotheblue@abbeygardens.ca

SERVICES

SKILLED HANDYMAN - Available for renovations, trim, tile, bathroom, deck, basement, flooring and paint. Please call or text Bob at 705-457-6190

MAH UPHOLSTERY – Boat Covers & Repairs. Boat interiors & repairs. ATV, See-Doo, Snowmobile and Motorcycle seats. Call 705-457-0726

FOR RENT

COMMERCIAL SPACE FOR RENT - 160 Highland Street, Haliburton. 1500 sq ft, available April 1, 2024 Measton3@rogers.com or call 705-457-8868

SELF-CONTAINED STORAGE UNITS for rent - Industrial Park Road. Various Sizes. Call 705-457-1224

EVENT

Haliburton County Snowmobile Association: Annual General Meeting, Saturday May 11, 2024 at 9:30 am at the Haliburton Legion, on Mountain Street. Regular business and the election of new Directors. Come meet the team! Everyone Welcome. For further info 705-457-4263 or info@hcsa.ca

HELP WANTED

Employment Opportunity
Municipality of Dysart et al
 Roads Department Seasonal Employees

Reporting to the Operations Manager, the successful applicants will have sound knowledge of the methods, tools and equipment required for the general maintenance of roads during summer months. Primary duties include, but are not limited to, traffic control, pothole patching and spray patching. Previous road maintenance and/or construction experience is considered an asset.

Self-motivated applicants must be able to work outdoors with minimal supervision. A valid Ontario Class 'DZ' licence is required along with an acceptable abstract. A Criminal Reference Check will be required. Pursuant to CUPE Local #2142 the rate of pay is \$24.51 per hour based on a 40-hour work week.

A detailed job description is on our website at www.dysartetal.ca

Interested individuals are invited to email a detailed resume and cover letter to:

Sonja Marx, HR Manager
hr@dysartetal.ca

No Later Than 12:00 pm Wednesday, April 24th, 2024.

*** We thank all who apply; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. ***



The Municipality of Highlands East Is Currently Seeking A
Full-Time, General Equipment Operator (40 Hrs/Week)
In the Public Works Department
Rate of Pay - \$26.35

Reporting to the **Operations Supervisor**, the successful candidate will be responsible for operating trucks and other heavy equipment in the construction and maintenance of roads and bridges in the Municipality's road system. Provides a variety of construction, snow/ice removal, maintenance and repair services to municipal roads and equipment.

To apply you must possess;

- 2 to 3 years' experience in the operation of heavy equipment used by the Municipality;
- Grade 12 education, or equivalent;
- A valid AZ or DZ driver's Licence;
- Course work in welding would be considered an asset;
- Chainsaw license would be considered an asset.

A copy of the job description is available upon request or on the Highlands East website at www.highlandseast.ca.

Applications **clearly marked "Application -General Equipment Operator"** may be submitted on or before 12:00 p.m, Wednesday, May 8th, 2024, via mail, in person, fax or email. Interested applicants may submit their resume, including references, in confidence to:

Brittany McCaw, CAO/Treasurer
 Municipality of Highlands East
 P.O. Box 295, 2249 Loop Road
 Wilberforce, ON. K0L 3C0

Fax: 705-448-2532 E-Mail: bmccaw@highlandseast.ca

We thank all applicants for their interest but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

The Municipality of Highlands East is an equal opportunity employer. Applicants requiring accommodation are asked to contact the CAO/Treasurer.

Applicant information is collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used to determine qualifications for employment with the Municipality of Highlands East. Questions about this collection should be directed to Brittany McCaw, CAO/Treasurer.



The Municipality of Highlands East is currently recruiting for an **Executive Assistant to the CAO/Treasurer-Deputy Clerk (Maternity Leave Coverage)**.

This will be a contract position starting June 2024 for a period of approximately 16-18 months.

Salary Range- \$33.40- \$39.30, dependent upon qualifications

Hours of Work: 35 Hours Per Week, Monday to Friday

A copy of the detailed job posting, and description are available upon request or on the Highlands East website at www.highlandseast.ca

If you are interested in joining our dedicated team of municipal professionals, applications **clearly marked "Application - Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk"** may be submitted on or before 12:00 p.m, Monday, May 6th, 2024, via mail, in person, fax or email. Interested applicants may submit their resume, including references, in confidence to:

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 Municipality of Highlands East
 P.O. Box 295, 2249 Loop Road
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In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the information gathered will be used solely for candidate selection purposes only. Questions about this collection should be directed to Brittany McCaw, CAO/ Treasurer.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE – Boat, motor, trailer, Fishing Package. 16' Sunray 85hp Evinrude motor. Comes with 2 manual downriggers, 1 electric downrigger, Hummingbird Fishfinder, new cover and new seal skin engine cover. Asking \$4,000 or best offer. Contact Wayne at 705-340-1140

FOR SALE – GUILFORD FIREWOOD – Nicely cut and split, ready to burn. \$125 per face cord – pick up. Delivery available, call 705-754-3034

FOR SALE – Robert Bateman, Northern Reflections, Loon Family, Limited Edition, artist proof, framed. Call 705-457-5584

FOR SALE - Treadmill, Tempo 621T, LED display and a lot more features, hardly ever used, excellent conditions \$150, call or text 705 457 0368

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- 7 Sanctimonious sort
- 11 Links org.
- 14 Verdi's take on a Shakespeare work
- 15 "I could ___ horse!"
- 16 Dot-com address
- 17 With strict precision
- 19 Up to, briefly
- 20 Actress Spelling
- 21 Elephant fan?
- 22 '80s NHL powerhouse Mike ___
- 24 Quebec town known for its cheese
- 25 Part of Mozart's staff?
- 28 Plagiarize
- 29 U-boat's realm
- 30 Main cross street of Yonge
- 33 An A+ student's is 4.0
- 34 Needed a boost, as a car battery
- 37 Not "a" but "the"
- 41 Presently
- 42 Nunavut's neighbour: Abbr.
- 43 Uber-nerdy
- 44 "___ much" ("More like no")
- 46 Correct spelling, perhaps
- 48 Plea to a windbag
- 51 COVID-19 vaccine component
- 54 Pool shot from a vertical angle
- 55 Coffeepot for a crowd
- 56 They have all the answers
- 57 Guac base
- 58 Baseball ploy involving a bunt
- 62 Opposite of FF
- 63 Work the bar
- 64 Terrebonne twinkler
- 65 CFL fan's channel
- 66 Davis's drooly dog
- 67 Furry leg warmer

Down

- 1 ___ trot (eager)
- 2 " ... ___ the one less traveled by": Frost
- 3 Fish, or form of "four"
- 4 Pre-univ. span
- 5 Lock opener in French
- 6 Hide out
- 7 Bacteriologist for whom a lab dish is named
- 8 Exterminator's target, maybe
- 9 Ending with Israel or Carmel
- 10 Speak distortedly
- 11 Chills, as champagne
- 12 It's for the mill
- 13 "O come, ___ faithful... "
- 18 Level for a novice crossword solver, maybe
- 23 Not chewing the fat, maybe?
- 25 Poetic A.M.
- 26 Club in a Manilow song, with "the"
- 27 Rent-___ (Avis or Hertz)
- 28 Most laundromat machines or arcade games
- 30 What co. directors sit on
- 31 Name of thirteen popes
- 32 Virginia Woolf's "A Room ___"
- 33 Catch the drift
- 35 Vegreville, Alta.'s 8-foot statue beast
- 36 "Law & Order" actress Susan
- 38 Trade sch.
- 39 Second door on the second floor
- 40 Cry after a rough week
- 45 Secures on, as a wharf bollard
- 46 Ireland, in Irish
- 47 Washington in "Philadelphia"
- 48 S.S. Kresge chain
- 49 Roof overhangs
- 50 ___ la Paix, Paris
- 51 TV's "Beachcombers" baddie
- 52 Spiral-horned antelope
- 53 Thus far
- 56 Seoul music?
- 59 Logician's "there's the proof"
- 60 College, to an Aussie
- 61 Flight board info

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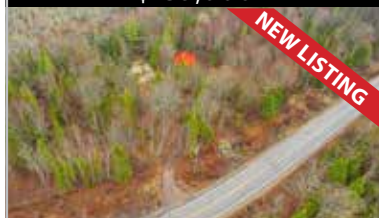
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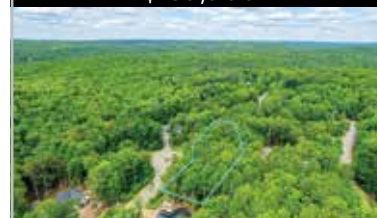
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